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D. C. Wismer

NUMISMATIST

DEALER IN PAPER MONEY

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HATFIELD, PA.
Sept. 17th 1902.

Mr. Eric P. Newman,
St. Louis, Mo.

Dear Mr. Newman:-

In the second paragraph of your letter you seem to imply that I said something in my letter that I did not want you to list any of the notes I had listed in the Numismatist, I believe you should include all those I listed, at least giving the name of Bank and the denomination of the notes, known to have been issued; as far as I am concerned you can publish all that is in the Numismatist, if the Numismatist makes no objection.

The \$10. note enclosed is no Doubt a Counterfeit, I have one like it, the earlier one was different from the Genuine, the \$10. note we have was a counterfeit issued later noted in 1865 but not described,

Enclosed is the \$1. note of the Farmers Bank of Missouri Dated at Lexington, Missouri, Dec. 14, 1861. Priced at \$1. think it worth two.

Also am enclosing a list of Bank notes and Scrip that I have or have had, those I do not have are followed by a question mark, meaning they were sold.

Very truly yours,

D. C. Wismer

Wish
(?) means sold.

MISSOURI NOTES OF MISSOURI,

Farmers Bank of Missouri, issued at Lexington,

1. A. B. C. 12. 10. \$100.?

Issued at Liberty, 1. 5. 10. \$20.

Issued at Paris, 5. 10.

Merchants--- Bank of Missouri, Osceola Branch, \$5.?. \$10.

Bank of Missouri, St. Louis, \$1.?. \$3.?. \$5. \$10.

St. Genevieve Branch, \$3.?. \$5.?. \$20.?.

Bank of St. Louis, 1 17. \$3.?. \$3.?. \$5.?. \$10.?. \$20.?.

Bank of the State of Missouri, St. Louis, \$50.?.

Fayette Branch, \$20.?.

Springfield Branch, \$20.?.

Bank of the United States, St. Louis Branch, \$5.?.

Exchange Bank of St. Louis, \$5.?. \$10.?. \$10.?. \$20.?.

\$50.?. \$100.?. \$100.?. All Proof's.

Exchange Bank of W. F. O'Hara & Co., St. Louis, \$12. \$2.?.

Southern Bank of St. Louis, \$5.?.

Proof notes

Western Bank of Missouri, St. Josephs, \$1. \$2. \$5. \$10. \$20.

Bank of the State of Missouri, Payable at Fayette, \$10.

Bank of St. Louis, \$1. \$2. \$5. \$10. \$10. \$20.

Bank of the State of Missouri, \$5. \$50. A. and B.

Page & Bacon, Bankers, St. Louis. \$1. \$2. \$3. \$5.

St. Louis Omnibus Company, \$1. \$2. \$3.

Southern Bank of St. Louis, \$1. \$2. \$5. \$10. \$20. \$50. \$100. \$50.

Union Bank of Missouri, St. Louis, \$1. \$2. \$5. \$5. \$10. \$1.

\$20. \$50. \$100.

✓

Collection of Missouri Banknotes and Scrip.

- Bank of the State of Missouri, Fayette Branch, \$10.
- Farmers Bank of Missouri, Lexington, \$1.A- \$1.B- \$1.C- \$2. \$10.A.
- ✓ Farmers BK of Mo., Liberty Branch, \$1.P- \$5.C- \$10.B- \$20.C.
- Merchants Bank of St. Louis, Osceola Branch, \$10.D. Cft.,
- ✓ Farmers Bank of Missouri, Paris Branch, \$5.D- \$10.B.
- Bank of Missouri, \$5.C-1817Y - \$10.B-1818)
- Bank of St. Louis, \$1.C- \$2.A- \$5.C- \$10.D- \$10.D- \$20.C- \$20.D.
- Bank of the State of Missouri, \$5.D- \$50.A.
- Exchange Bank of St. Louis, \$5.D- Photograph.
- ✓ Page & Bacon, Banking house, \$1. \$2. \$3. \$5.
- ✓ Southern Bank of St. Louis, \$1.B. #21668, June 17th 1861.
- ✓ — Southern Bank of St. Louis, \$1.C. \$2.A. \$5.D- \$10.D- \$20.D- \$50. \$100. \$500. Portraits of Clay and Calhoun.
- Union Bank of Mo., \$1.C- \$2.A- \$5.C- \$5.D- \$10.D- \$10.D- \$20.D- \$50.A- Portrait of Clay, \$100. B- Portrait of Fillmore,
- ✓ Western Bank of Missouri, St. Josephs, \$1. \$2. \$5. \$10. \$20

Scrip Issues.

- ✓ City of Hannibal, \$1. #1199, 1872,
- ✓ City of Louisiana, Mo. 5¢ Dec. 15th 1862,
- City of Saint Louis, \$1. #7383. Nov. 1, 1873. \$3. June 1, 1861, Cft.
- ✓ Clear Water Lumber Co., Gads Hill, 50¢, \$1. \$2.
- ✓ 5¢ and 20¢ note unsigned, Columbia, Nov. 10, 1862. to be paid by J. Kirkbride & Co., (Bankers?)
- ✓ Theo Kalb, St. Louis Nov. 15, 1862, 10¢ to be paid by the Peoples Savings Institution, Secured by deposit.
- \$5. Advertising note of Joseph Cahn Kansas City, March 1, 1866
- a close imitation of the first United States greenbacks so called.

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HATFIELD, PA.

Aug. 12th 1939.

Mr. Eric P. Newman,
St. Louis, Misso.

Dear Mr. Newman:-

Your letter of the 7th was duly received, returning the three \$1. notes of the Farmers Bank of Mo. and in exchange got the \$10. Farmers Bank note the \$3. St. Louis City Treasury warrant, which you say is redeemable, which I doubt, for the reason that the note is a Counterfeit~~XX~~, Nevertheless it might be that the present officers could not, might not be able to tell and think it genuine and pay face value for the note, if you think that ~~is~~ possible I will send it to you and you can try to have it redeemed, and send me whatever you care of the proceeds. Also received the the \$20. note of the Bank of the State of Missouri, in exchange for the \$2. note of the Farmers Bank of Missouri, and think it a fair exchange, although I already have one, and do not have a \$5. note of the Farmers Bank of any Branch, this leaves me with a terribly emaciated collection of Missouri Bank notes of eleven notes one a counterfeit, another a photograph, to this I hope to make additions. The scrip collection contains 3 notes two being the prototype of the early bank skin money and the poor Counterfeit \$5. of St. Louis which I place a very small value.

Thank you for the check for \$125.
in payment for the collection balancing the account.

Once again I am sending
a list of my original collection of Missouri notes
Call see the late T. W. B. Green. I do not wish to have
this reported of broadcast.

Sincerely yours,

D. C. Wismer

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HATFIELD. PA.

Aug. 2nd 1939.

Mr. Eric P. Newman,
St. Louis. Mo.

Dear Mr. Newman:-

I received your letter offering to pay \$125.00 cash for the collection, with the addition of six notes, and sending four coins as part payment. Your offer is accepted, that is \$125.00 in cash to close the transaction upon receipt of Collection. In sending the collection by insured prepaid express, and hope you will receive the collection in good shape.

The United States had placed some notes in Celuloid Covers to preserve them a number of years ago, in which they had remained forty many years before being examined and when the notes were looked up in recent years the Celuloid had turned the notes into dust, there were no notes left, it may not be noticeable in a few years, and you also know if a spark falls on a celuloid pocket and it starts to burn you can not put the fire out it burns like powder, the one note I returned, the \$1. Clearing house certificate, was extremely brittle, in fact I never saw a piece of paper as brittle as that, which I attributed to Celuloid.

If Rarity would count the collection you have would be worth Thousands of dollars, if rated in rarity price with coins, and in Stamps a million dollars would not buy the collection in similar Stamp rarities.

Enclosed I am sending the following Farmers Bank of Lexington Missouri for inspection. \$1. #8702, \$1. #9593, \$1. #2721, \$2. ~~\$\$\$~~ #8450, \$10. #527. which you wish to examine, and can return in the enclosed envelope,

Sincerely yours,

D. C. Wismer

Dear Mr. Wismer,

I have decided there is no use in breaking up sets of proofs by taking some and leaving others so I have changed my want list.

Please make me the best possible price for cash payable forthwith with credit for exchanges of all the notes you listed except
Farmers Bank Lexington 1,1,1,2,10
Merchants 10 , Exchange Bank \$5
Bank of Missouri 5 10
Bank of the State of Mo 5 50 (I have these)
City of St.Louis \$1
Joseph Cahn advertising note

May I send you \$125 in cash and close the deal, you keeping the enclosed coins. I know you realize a couple of the Southern Bank of St Louis are chipped at the edge and the Clear Water Lumber Co are just factory scrip. Call whatever adjustment you make a summer discount or cash discount and I will still be paying you over \$3.00 for each item average. I think even that price is quite high but I didnt expect these bills to be bargains.

Although I do not want to buy the Farmers Bank of Lexington items (1 1 1 2 10) I would like to see if there are any varieties I do not have so would you send them for inspection.

What you say about celluloid containers is very interesting. I keep most of my bills in them but have never had any trouble where the containers are not packed together but are loose and upright. If you say so I will get rid of them all if the glassine are so much better for the bills. My celluloid had ~~an~~ been cleaned with lye and then soap and water before being used as I get Xray film and clean off the emulsion.

I am sure you will be satisfied on the above offer and at the rate I have been buying "rags" I'll end up having rags as clothes. I wish I could compete with some of these tremendously rich collectors who make a dealer's life happy.

Thanks again for your interest in me,
Sincerely,

204
1 Cleveland
1 T.R.L.

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HATFIELD, PA.
July 27th 1939.

Mr. Eric P. Newman,
St. Louis, Mo.

Dear Mr. Newman:-

Overlooked the matter of the St. Louis, Omnibus notes, in my letter today, I failed to say anything about those notes. have just looked over my collections of Iowa, New York and Missouri and failed to find the Omnibus notes, I am under the ompression the notes were payable in Iowa and perhaps sold them to an Iowa collector, and will try to find out.

Although i t is posible that I misplaced them and then I do not know when I will find them.

The History of Banking by John Jay Knox, published in 1899 gives quite a lot about the early Banks of Missouri, it is a very good book for any collector of paper money to have.

Sincerely yours,

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Mr. Eric P. Newman,
St. Louis, Mo.

Dear Mr. Newman:-

Thank you for your letter of the 26th, enclosing 6 additional notes as an exchange, I am returning the \$5. Commercial Bank of Glenn Falls as it is a Counterfeit, and have four on hand because I do not offer them for sale, I note that you do not want the Letter C note of the Union Bank of St. Louis, Perhaps you thought the only difference in the notes was the plate letters, But the Letter C note has a mans portrait on lower left hand corner, whereas the letter D note has a female portrait on the lower left hand corner, otherwise the two notes are the same. Also you may have overlooked the \$5. and \$50. proof notes of the Bank of the State of Missouri, as I did not have the \$50. note when I had sent the notes to you before.

Also am returning the two 1933 Clearing house Certificates, these are really breaking to pieces, almost like powder, they do not stand handling and place little value on them at best. Avoid the use of ~~XXXXXX~~ Celoloid as containers, of paper money in any way, it destroys paper, I believe Glassine to be best.

For the three notes just received I will allow you \$5. with the allowance of \$25. for the other notes makes \$30. taking the notes out of the collection you do not want leaves 44 notes. I will sell you the collection of 44 Fourty four notes the balance of the collection at \$130.00

I had valued the collection at \$200.00 that allows \$40. for the notes not wanted and \$30. for your duplicates.

Payment may be made \$30. Sept First and \$25. the first of October, November, December, and Balance of \$25. the first of January if that would suit your convenience.

Very truly yours,

July 26, 1939

Dear Mr. Wismer,

Thank you so much for your letter listing your Missouri collection. I am sorry you had to write me about the Demand Note but as you saw I was in Kansas City on business and wrote to you from the train. The delay I am sure was excused but I know just how you feel when people don't answer on things of that sort when you are so prompt.

I fully realize that you would like to keep as many Missouri items in your collection as you can and that you are just being nice to me because you know of the genuine interest I have in my specialty. Please be gentle in arriving at the price of the items I want as you know I have just paid you \$125.00 for the Demand Note.

Please let me know the price on the following:
St. Louis Omnibus Company \$1, \$2 \$3 (You did not list these notes because you probably have them under New York or Iowa, but I know that you have them because you mentioned them several years ago. Please look for them as they are dated in New York and payable in Iowa - tricky procedure to avoid our laws)
Farmers Bank of Missouri, Liberty branch \$1, 5, 10, 20 - Paris branch \$5, 10
Bank of St. Louis (all listed except \$1 and \$10 with one boat at levee)
Page and Bacon \$1, \$2 \$3 \$5
Southern Bank of St. Louis \$1 #21668, 10, 20, 50, 100, 500 (omit the proof 1, 2, 5)
Union Bank of Missouri - All except \$5-C
Western Bank of Missouri All notes listed.
City of Hannibal \$1.00
City of Louisiana 5¢
Clear Water Lumber Co. 50¢, \$1.00, \$2.00 (incorporated 1872)
J. Kirkbride & Co. unsigned 5¢ and 20¢
Theo Kalb 10¢
If the Exchange Bank of St. Louis is a photographic counterfeit include it.

I would very much like to buy all of the notes and if you will put a price on them in that manner I could consider it; otherwise just price the ones listed above with some breakdown of prices in case it is worked up that way.

I am sending you a few more items in exchange which almost drains me of duplicates. These are as follows:

\$3 Bank of Missouri 1820 (very scarce)
\$1, \$5 Kansas City Clearing House Certifs of 1933 (cancelled)
\$5 Commercial Bank of Glenn Falls N.Y. 1858
\$5 Hartford Exchange Bank, Hartford Indiana.
25¢ Fractional Currency 2nd series large seal blue ends, unc.

Before I comment on the allowance you are to make me on the items I enclose herewith and the items I already sent you I would want to know your prices as it is all relative. Your prices are always right and as I said I would rather purchase without exchanging but am doing so to enable you to get some Missouri items and others you might want.

The Livingston scrip and the \$20 Bank of Missouri are as rare as any notes in my collection, but I am sure you appreciate that.

Will you send me the notes above requested with your price. I look forward to the day when I can meet you, but until then greetings from a satisfied customer.

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HATFIELD, PA.
July 21st 1939.

Mr. Eric P. Newman,
St. Louis, Mo.

Dear Mr. Newman:-

Enclosed I am sending you a list of Bank Notes and scrip notes in my Missouri Collection, there are 63 notes all kinds, The \$10. note of the Merchants Bank at Osceola is a counterfeit, as also the \$3. note of St. Louis, a counterfeit, and the \$5. of the Exchange Bank is ~~also a counterfeit~~ Photograph, these three have very little value.

If you will send me a list of notes you have in your collection, which you would not need, I will then name a price for the balance of my collection, that you need to add to your collection.

Very truly yours,

D. C. Wismer

D.C.Wismer
Hatfield ,Pa.

The following items are enclosed for exchange:

\$1.00 Sedalia Cooperative Currency 1933 fine
\$1.00 Federal Reserve Bank Note 1914 St.Louis.ext
\$1.00 St.Louis Treasury Warrant 1861
\$1.00 St.Louis City Treasury Warrant 1873
\$.50 T.R.Livingston scrip 1863
\$20.00 Bank of the State of Missouri 1838
\$5.00 Agricultural National Bank of Pittsfield Mass,
V249711. about fine.
\$5.00 Bank of Cairo,Kaskaskia,1840
\$ 3.00,\$5.00,and \$10.00 Republic of Texas - the 5 is
not cancelled and as such scarce.
\$10.00 Government of Texas 1839.

Very truly,

Eric P.Newman

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HATFIELD, PA.

July 20th 1939.

Mr. Eric P. Newman,
St. Louis, Mo.

Dear Mr. Newman:-

Thank you for your check for \$125.00
in payment of the St. Louis Demand note.

I do not believe you will ever regret
buying the note, it is of course somewhat difficult to
say what the note would have brought at auction, four
wealthy collectors with whom I am personally well
acquainted knew for some time that I was trying to
obtain the note, A wealthy Banker was the owner, and
he told me he did not need the money, I was over
six months trying to get it before I could get him to
name a price, and after he named the price and I sent
him my check he said he was sorry he sold it as he had
intended to give it to his son,

The condition of the note I believe to
be the best in existence.

I am going to write you definitely
about the Missouri Collection probably tomorrow,
I have gone over the notes you sent and concluded if
I decided to sell you the collection I could allow
you \$25.00 for the notes you sent, does that suit your
idea of their value.

The \$5.00 National Bank note, is too
much worn to be worth more than \$1. above face, I have
several very fine notes of the first Charter \$5.
denomination.

Very truly yours,

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HATFIELD, PA.

July 18th. 1939.

Mr. Eric P. Newman,
St. Louis, Mo.

Dear Mr. Newman:-

I have been expecting a letter from you
in reference to the note I sent to you by Registered
mail.

A prompt reply will be appreciated.

The note was mailed on the 11th.

Very truly yours,

D. C. Wismer

July 10, 1939

D.C. Wismer
Hatfield, Pa.

Dear Mr. Wismer,

Thank you so much for your letter of July 7, 1939 offering to sell to me a \$10.00 United States Demand note dated August 10, 1861 payable at St. Louis in fine condition, for the sum of One hundred twenty-five dollars. I accept your offer with the greatest of pleasure and now will have in my collection at least one item which is extremely rare. Please send the note by registered mail to me after you have taken one last look, but you can see it anytime you are in St. Louis as I expect to become as attached to it as the man from whom you purchased it.

I am going to write you further about the other Missouri notes which you have. I am willing to let you have any items from my collection for your Missouri notes if you do not wish to sell them at present, but I am in hopes that my purchase of the Demand Note will enable you to see your way clear to offer me the portion of your collection from Missouri.

I am sending you photostatic copies of the two early scrip notes from St. Louis which are in my collection. These seemed to be issued by anyone whose business credit was good because of the extreme scarcity of money (specie) in this district. I think you will find them interesting and no doubt you have never seen anything like it before. As you know deer skin was legal tender in this section under the Spanish regime and up to the time we bought it from France.

Thank you again for your usual courtesies and I want you to know I appreciate them.

Sincerely

Eric P. Newman
6450 Cecil Ave.,
St. Louis, Mo.

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HATFIELD, PA.
July 11th 1939

Mr. Eric P. Newman,
St. Louis, Mo.

Dear Mr. Newman:-

Enclosed I am sending you the following
Demand note payable in St. Louis. On approval.

\$10. Demand Note, Act of July 17th 1861, dated
August 10th 1861, plate letter D. #47760,
Washington August 10th 1861. on demand, the
UNITED STATES Promise to pay the Bearer
TEN DOLLARS. Payable by the Asst. Treasurer of the
U. S. at St. Louis.

Price ----- \$125.00

You are very lucky in obtaining this
note as three prominent Collectors were on my trail
to obtain it, and neither of them knows that I obtained
the note yet, and I am not going to tell them who
obtained it, or they might be pestering you to get it.

I am greatly obliged to you for the
Photostatic copies of the rare early St. Louis scrip,
I never saw a specimen of those early St Louis issues.

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HATFIELD, PA.
July 7th 1939.

Mr. Eric P. Newman,
St. Louis, Mo.,
Dear Mr. Newman:-

It is quite some time since I heard from
you and am greatly pleased to have a letter from you.

I note that you would like to have
some notes from my collection, but then if I would
sell them to you I would not have them, and I like to
keep them and am not inclined to sell at present.

I have added the following notes
to my collection I believe since, writing you what
I had,

5¢ Columbus Mo., Nov. 10th 1862 not signed
20¢ " " " " " " " "

And J. Kirkbride & Co., were to pay the notes of
the merchant when signed and issued,
10¢ note issued by Theo. Kalb, paid by the Peoples
Savings Institution if \$1. face value were presented.
Dated St. Louis November 15th 1862, endorsed by
Emil Ulnico, Cashier, by red stamp, Note #1905,
Advertising note of Joseph Cahn. Kansas City March
1st 1866, a close imitation of the first \$5.
Legal Tender note, except the wording,
Lithographed by Gast. Moeller & Co. St. Louis.
\$1. City of Hannibal, 1872,
5¢ City Treasury Warrant, Louisiana, Mo. Dec. 15th 1862.
C. Smith Mayor.

Very truly yours,

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P. S. The enclosed electrotypes prints are Complimentary.

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Dear Mr. Newman:²

I almost forgot an item if St. Louis that I have just purchased, it is in fine condition a \$10. Demand note payable in St. Louis, dated 1861. one of the first isssue of United States paper money, I have not yet offered it to any one, I have three wealthy collectors who want it, it is extremely rare. most of them were issued payable in New York, Philadelphia or Boston, I want \$125.00 for it.

Very truly yours,

D. C. Wismer

P. S.

I sent my check for the note last Saturday, and received the note by Registered mail, Yesterday morning, Have placed the note in my Safe deposit box in the Bank and will not correspond, or offer the note to any of the customers who have written me they want it before some time next week, when I will offer it to the Detroit man who has written me for it three or four times, I had quite a time to get the note from a Wealthy Baltimore Banker who told me he did not need the money and had thought to give it to his son, and when I got a price and he sent the note he wrote he hated to part with the note.